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1. FOLLOWING REPORT IN REPLY TO REF A PREPARED BY CHARGE
SHEINBAUM BEFORE HIS TEMPORARY DEPARTURE FROM POST MAY 22:

2. SINCE MY ARRIVAL NOVEMBER 17, 1975, I HAVE PERIODICALLY
RAISED WITH FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHERS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY
SUBJECT OF PUERTO RICO. I ALSO RAISED SUBJECT WITH
PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA AT OUR APRIL 10 MEETING (REF B).

3. FOLLOWING APPLIES TO REF A, PARA 6:

(A) WE CAN EXPECT THAT GDRM WILL VOTE TO SUPPORT
DISCUSSION OF PUERTO RICO IN ANY FORUM. AS FOREIGN
MINISTER BEMANANJARA TOLD ME MAY 3 (REF C), THEIR POSITION
MUST REFLECT THEIR OVERALL POLICY TOWARD COUNTRIES WHICH
ARE NOT INDEPENDENT. HE DID NOT MAKE REFERENCE TO VOTING WITH
NON-ALIGNED, OR ANY OTHER GROUP OF NATIONS. RE KOREA, WE
CAN EXPECT THAT GDRM WILL VOTE IN SUPPORT OF NORTH KOREA
IN ANY WAY THAT SUBJECT OF KOREA IS RAISED. GDRM
OFFICIALS HAVE NEVER RAISED SUBJECT OF MIDDLE EAST WITH
EMBOFFS.

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(B) IT IS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT GDRM ATTITUDE CAN

BE MODIFIED UNLESS ATTITUDE OF THE RADICAL NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES CAN BE MODIFIED. RATSIRAKA LOOKS TO ALGERIA AND OCCASIONALLY TO TANZANIA FOR LEADERSHIP ON VARIOUS ISSUES.

(C) AND (D) I HAVE DISCUSSED SUBJECT OF PUERTO RICO WITH :

PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA

PRIME MINISTER RAKOTOMALALALA

FOREIGN MINISTER (SINCE JANUARY) BEMANANJARA

SECRETARY GENERAL MFA BEZAZA

MFA DIRECTOR MULTILATERAL RELATIONS RAZAFINDRATOVO (TO WHOM I PASSED SEVERAL DOCUMENTS TAKEN FROM CABLES AND WIRELESS FILE RE STATUS OF PUERTO RICO AS WE SEE IT). I HAVE DISCUSSED KOREA ONLY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BEMANANJARA AND RAZAFINDRATOVO.

(E) AS IS EVIDENT, GDRM ATTITUDE IS RESULT OF GROUP PSYCHOLOGY. DESPITE THE HIGH QUALITY OF SOME MATERIAL WE HAVE PASSED TO GDRM OFFICIALS, AND SOME UNDERSTANDING OF OUR SIDE OF THE CASE BY CERTAIN OF THE OFFICIALS LISTED UNDER PARA (C) ABOVE, PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S CONCEPTION OF MADAGASCAR'S ROLE IN THE WORLD IS UNIFORMLY LINKED TO THE NON-ALIGNED IN GENERAL, AND ABOVE ALL TO THE MOST "PROGRESSIVE" F THE NON-ALIGNED. WHILE WE HAVE NO FRESH SUGGESTIONS, IT APPEARS THAT OUR BEST APPROACH MUST BE TO THE GROUP AS A WHOLE. DESANTILLANA

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